Thus this matter, over which considerable excitement has been raised since the publication of the French " rellow he k." has receivd a quietus, and the imputations upon Secretary Seward of a desire and connivance to hasten mediation or intervention are baseless as many other charges lately made against him have proved to be. Of a similar baseless character, probably, are the renewed rumors row affoat of mediation schemes. growing out of a lately reported frequent communications between the French minister and the rebels at Richmond, Ac. -- so far, at al events, as any knowledge or countenance of the part of our authorities is concerned.

## Improved Feeling in England.

The tone of English feeling towards this country has been gradually improving since the President's proclamation. It is simply impossible that true Englishmen should so far forget their hereditary love of liberty as to sympathize with a cause which gets its only inspiration from slaverer The Right Hon, Wm. Milner Gioson, member of sariament, and president of the London board of trade, addressed his constituents in the town half. Ash on the evening of the art, all, on political affairs. He was warmly applauded for expressing or inions like the following :

"Without undertaking to predict what will be the termination of the war I will state what I believe to have been its asse and origin. and what is accessary to be settled in order to secure a permanent and lasting peace. [Hear, hear. I have often been astonished to hear it asse ted that slavery had sothing to do with this war, for somehow slavery must have to do with it, because it constitutes such a great distinction in itself between the two communities. I have examined documents of undoubted authority 10 ascertain what were the causes which the secessionist States themselves alleged as the ground for taking up arms, in or der to separa. e themselves from the rest of the Union. The first State that separated was South Carolina. When they first seceded they published to the world a formal declaration of the ground of their se ession, and the other States which followed se eded upon the s me grounds. Now what were these grounds?-The first part of the South Carolina declaration consists of an aroumous - bowing the gality of secession; that if they choose they have a right to secede; and the latter goes on to star- the grounds on which they think proper to coerce that secession. These were that geographical line has been drawn across the Union, and all the States North of that line have united in the election of a man to the high office of President of the United States whose opinions and purposes are hostile to slavery. [Applause.] It was not that I'resi de t Lincoln had been elected contrary to forms of law, that there had been any violation of th. Constitution, but it was that he

held opinions hostile to slavery. \*

" Secession had taken place, and the conse-

quent war for the purpose of perpetuating, cherishing and extending slavery. I don't believe that an empire having slavery as its basis, can be a prosperous, appy and enduring empire, and therefore cannot desire to see one established in any part of the world. The Bishops of the Episcopal Church of the Confederate States have said that the abolition of slavery is hateful, infidel and pestilent. [A voice - That's like parsons.' [Laughter.] I, on the contrary, believe that slavery is hateful, infidel and pestilent. I will not predict the course which the events of this wai take, but, looking at the map, which I did toposition of the north so far as territory is concerned, is stronger than it was twelve months ago. They have suffered great defests, and they have had some successes; but I find that the North are no v possessed of larger territory than they were twelve months ago. Missouri, which was then debatable ground, they now possess; also Kentucky and West Virinia, and a portion of Louisiana. It thereore appears that the territory which the North possessed at the beginning of last year has not been lessened, but increased in extent; these are facts which all may ascertain for themselves. The right honorable gentleman then stated that our policy must be strictly neutral: that the proposal from France for me-diation had been respectfully declined; that he should rejoice to see the war terminated, but that he thought we should abstain from interfering until the time came when we might be asked to give our good offices. If we were invited by the proper parties to take part in any negotiations for peace, then we might do so, but if we undertook that office without being asked, and before the proper time, it would not tend to the promotion of our amicable relations with America."

GEN. McKINSTRY .- It is stated that the reperal order in the case of Gen. McKinstry will be issued in a day or two. Upon some of the numerous specifications the court finds him guilty; and upon a considerable number, not guisty. The sentence is that he be dismissed the service. General Halleck approves the findings and sentence, but under the articles of war refers the case to the President, who also approves and orders it to be carried out forthaved the sool sit over a public of that

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THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 19, 1863. CORRECTION.-A few days ago an item PRICE THREE CENTS SINGLE COPY

Local and State Items.

Nominations .- On Saturday the President sent to the Senate the following nominations o

Gen. Jno. W. Phelps, to be Major General to date from Dec. 4, 1861.

To be Surgeon, S. N. Sherman of Vermont To be Assistant Surgeon, Henry James, o

The Senate, says the New York Times cor respondent, having returned all the nominations of Major and Brigadier Generals to the President, for him to select out of the number twenty Majer Generals and fifty Brigadier Generals, the pressure is very great by the friends of the several officers to secure their particular favorites. The large reduction has caused a considerable fluttering in military

RUTLAND AND WASHINGTON COUNTISE SLATE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION .- An Association has been formed under the above name, of Slate Manufacturers doing business in Vermont and New York. The preliminary convention washeld at Fairhaven in this State. on the 11th ult., and was numerously attended. It was then determined to form the Association in question; that the annual meeting for the choice of officers and for current business, be held the first Wednesday in January in each year, and that quarterly meetings be holden on the first. Wednesday of each ensuing April, July and October. At an adjourn ed meeting held on the 28th ult., at Fairba ven the following officers were chosen for the year 1863, or until their successors are elected.

President, Alonson Allen, Fairhaven. Vice Presidents, George N. Bates, Middle Gran-John Bradley, Poultney. Secretary, Pitt W. Hyde, Hydeville. Finance Committee, R. Morris Copeland, West Castletou; Owen Owens, Fairhaven; W. E. Jones, Middle Granville, N. Y. Committee on Publication, R. Morris Copeland, West Castleton.

The following cash prices were then agreed upon, to be charged for roofing slate; No. 1, purple or green, sizes 16x8 and larg-

er, delivered on the cars, as heretofore, \$3,50 per square. No. 1, purple or green, sizes smaller, price optional. No. 1, intermediate, sizes 16x8 and larger, \$3, 25. Culls, and small intermediates, price optional.

The following companies and individuals took part in the formation of the Association. Forest Mining and Slate Co., (A. W. Hyde, President, Pitt W. Hyde, Agent, Hydeville.)

Han p on Slate Co., (John Bradley, President, lo dtney.)

Alonson Allen, Fairhaven. Glen Lake Slate Co., (R. Morris Copeland, Fairhaven and West Castleton.) Eagle Slate Co., (A. K. Ryder, Hydeville.) Davey & Nichols, Fairhaven.

A. K. Curtis, Hy eville. Scot h Hill Slate Quarry, (Benjamin Wil-

Ellis, Owens & Co., Fairhaven. Union Slate Co., (William Parry, Fairna-

Evan D. Jones, Fairhaven. Talbot & Barnes. (D. A. Talbot, Agent.

Wm. Hughes, Fairhaven.

Fenrhan Mantel and Slate Co., (Win E. Jones, Middle Granville, N. Y.)

Benjamin Williams & Co., Middle Gran-

John Williams. Middle Granville, N. Y.

W. W. James & Co., Poultney. William Parry & Co., Middle Granville,

Phoenix Slate Co., (Oriffith R. Jones, Agent. Mi idle Granville, N. Y.) Williams, Jones & Co., (D. E. Jones, Middle Granville, N. Y.) Wm. L. Farnam & Son, Poultney.

WESTERN VT. AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIA-110N .- At the annual meeting of the Western Vermont Agricultural Association, held at East Poultney on the 11th inst., the following officers were appointed for the yearensuing: Alanson Adams, East Poultney, 'resident.

H. Ransom, of Poultney, and Nathan el Fish, of West Haven, Vice Presidents. J. Jay Joslin, Poultney, Secretary. I. C. Allen, Fairhaven, Corresponding Sec-

1. S. Benedict, Castleton, Freasurer,

Thos. Dewey, East Pouliney, Anditor. R. T. Ellis, Fairhaven, Newell Hooker, Cartleton, H. Howes, West Haven, Chas. Cary, Middletown, A. J. Mead, West Rutland. S. Bresee, Sudbury, H. G. Barbour, Hub bardton, James Whedon, Pawlet, - Gleason, Benson, John Barder, Wells, Willard Ross, Ira. A Smith 2nd, Poultney, R. W. Ray, Hampton, N. Y., Wm. Wright, Whitehall, N. Y., Town Managers.

A meeting of the board of officers and town managers of the association will be held at Beaman's Hotel, in Poultney, on Tuesday, Feb. 24th, 1863, at one o'clock p. m. The business of deciding upon the place at which to hold the next Annual Fair, appointing committees. &c., will come before said meeting.

All interested are invited to attend. J. JAY JOSLIN, Secretary. Poultney, Feb. 12, 1863.

THE MEETING OF THE RUTLAND COUNTY TEMPERANCE SOCIETY-OFFICIAL REPORT. The adjourned meeting of the Rutland County Temperance Society was held in the Chapel, Rutland, Wednesday, the 11th inst.,

James Barrett, Esq., occupying the chair.

The Secretary being absent, E. N. Merriam
of Rutland was appointed Secretary pro tem Hon. W. C. Kittredge submitted a report of his labors as Commissioner the past year. Some discussion arose relative to the effects of licenses taken under the United States Excise

On motion of Hon. D. E. Nicholson, Hon. W. C. Kittredge was nominated for County

Commissioner. Judge Kittredge introduced and read the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare an address to the people of the County upon the present violations of the liquor law of the State, and that such a ldress be published and circulated in the name and behalf of this Society.

After some debate upon the subject the resolution was adopted.

Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D., B. F. Winslow,
Esq., and Hon. Robert Pierpoint were aped said Committee. No further business appearing, the meeting

adjourned without day.

JAMES BARRETT, President. B. W. Burt, Secretary. Castleton, Feb. 13, 1863.

SMALL Pox.—It is said that several cases of small pox made their appearance in St.
Albans a few days since, and caused some exc. tement in the place. The authorities blockaded the infected district for a day or two.

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SPANISH MERINO SHEEP OF VERMONT. -Vermont has the honor of having imported to this country the first Spanish Merino Sheep, and it is said by those who have traveled extensively that the Merinos of Spain do not compare with those now owned in Vermont.— In fact, Vermont possesses the best fine wool sheep in the world.

William Jarvis, a native of Boston, received an appointment as Consul to Lisbon from Jefferson, and while there, in 1811, Napoleon invaded Portugal and Spain, and some of the flocks were seized by him to feed his army, while others were sold to defray the expenses of the war. Pre jously not a single sheep had been allowed to leave Spain, the penalty of death having been established to prevent it. Mr Jarvis wishing to benefit his countrymen, purchased ten bucks at a cost of \$200 each, and shipped them to New York. He ordered his agent to advertise them thoroughly and then sell them at auction. His request was complied with, and the report of the sale was sent to Mr. Jarvis. He opened the letter, from which he read that his sheep had been sold at \$100 each. The letter was thrown down in a passion, and his countrymen were onsidered the most unappreciative people in the world. He thought they certainly might have shown gratitude enough by paying at least what the sheep had cost him. The next day, having occasion to refer to the letter, he found that he had made a mistake of one cipher in the first reading. Instead of the sheep having sold for \$100 each, they had sold for \$1000-a slight difference. This induced him to make turther purchases, and during his stay al Lisbon he shipped to this country 3500 sheep, all but 300 of which were sold at New York, Boston, Portland, New Haven and Philadelphia, at enormous prices. The 300 hat he reserved were taken to Weathersfield. Vt., where 8000 acres of land had been purhased at a cost of \$20,000. On his return to this country, Mr. Jarvis settled in Vermont and continued the rearing of sheep, from which, together with the profits made on those that he had imported, he amassed a fortune .-He died in 1858, at the age of ninety years, and at that sime was the richest man in Vermont, his estate being valued at \$800,000 .--Each of his eight children received from their father's estate \$80,000. They certainly ought to be devoted believers in the "animal with the golden boot." Mr. Jarvis once remarked that he was indebted to Jefferson and Napoleon for his fortune-Jefferson for having appointed him Consul, and Napoleon for having

While Vermout was the first to take the lead in this important branch of husbandry. she still continues to hold the reputation gained at the commencement of the enterprise, and no other State has better sheep or realizes larger profits. We believe there are a few farmers in the State was keep flocks of more than 1000 head, but the average of the larger farmers will not exc ed 500. The average yield of woor is about five pounds, but there are instances where from 15 to 25 pounds have been sheared from a single sheep average prices of good Spanish Merino ewes, estimating them by the flock is from \$6 to \$8 per head. The very best for breeding purpoes are sold at much higher prices

Edwin Hammond, President of the Vermont State Agricultural Society, sold a two year old back to a California she p oreeder a few years since for \$1000. This is the highest price that any have been sold for in the State. It is not unfrequently that bucks sell for \$500, but the average price for medium animals ranges from \$25 to \$250. George Campbell of Westminster, who is one of the largest breeders in the State, owns a buck that he will not sell for \$2,500, for the reason that its lambs are of the best quality and always sell at the highest prices. Mr. Campbell has traveled through France, Spain and Germany, and he reports that the celekrated Spanish Merino flocks in those countries have greatly deteriorated from their original standard. He has imported from 300 to 400, and now keeps 500 head for breeding purposes. Before the war he found a market in the Southern States, but s now selling his sheep to breeders in the West, California and South America-Buenos

A practice is becoming quite common in Vermont, and will ultimately be adopted elsewhere. It is shearing without washing. It is the testimony of those who have practised both systems that the health of the sheep is affected by washing, and not unfrequently colds are contracted that cause death. The manufacturer can easily cleanse the wool by a chemical process, and if he becomes accustomed to purchasing without washing, he will more thoroughly examine the wool-a fair price will then be established for all qualities .-Nor hampton (Mass.) Free Press.

VERMONT'S QUOTA OF MEN .-- Mr. Wal on in a letter claims that Vermont has furnished a larger proportion of men than any other State in comparison with the number of her citizens liable to military duty. He says: "By my request and to be used with other facts with a view of doing justice to Vermont ultimately, for her services in the war, the Superintendent of the census has turnishad a statement of the number of males between the major part parishioners. eighteen and forty-five years of age in each State-that is, the population hable to military duty. The number in the Union is 5,624,065; n Vermont, 60,580. The percentage in the Union is 20.80 of the entire white population : in Vermont, 19.27. Thus it will be seen that under an apportionment of troops according to population, Vermont will furnish about eight per cent. more than her proportion acyoung men and middle aged people. It should result that while Vermont has less than the average of men capable of bearing arms, the new States and Territories will have much more than the average; and therefore Vermont should furnish fewer and the new. States more men for the war. Vermont has doubtess furnished more than her just share, and having a smaller supply to draw from, it is not without reason that she has used a strong drawing-plaster, by way of bounties and seven dollars per month extra pay. I do not know that Congress will ever be just to our State; but I man to have justice done to her, in his tory at least, by a record of the facts .-The table from the census office proves my theory."

SAFE. - Letters have been received in Montpelier, from R. J. Richardson and J. C. Taplin, formerly of that place, who were respectively paymaster and clerk on the Harriet Lane at the time of her capture. They are now prisonrs of war at Houston, Texas. They say they are at liberty to go all over the city, and cannot complain of their provisions; that they have plenty of room in their quarters, and are treated very well by the Confederate officers.

VERMONT AND MASSACHUSETTS RAIL-R .AD.—The annual meeting of this corpora-tion was held at the large hall in the Fitchburg Railroad Depot yesterday (Wednesday).
The following named gentlemen were chosen
Directors: Robert Hale of Fitchburg. Larkin G. Mead of Brattleboro, Wm. H. Hill of
Boston, D. S. Richardson of Lowell, Franklin
N. Poor of Boston. The three last are new
members.—Boston Herald.

PERSONAL.—Orderly Sergeant Hamilton of Co. F., 14th regiment, has been premoted to the 2d Lieutenancy in Co. I.

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LIST OF VERMONT SOLDIERS in Baltimore, Md., Hospitals, January, 1863, as reported to the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office:

Leazer Buzzell, Montpelier, co. H, 3d.
H. H. Simpkins, co. A, 5th.
CALVERT STPEET.
Charles Provost, Pittsford, co. G, 5th.
WEST BUILDINGS.
John A. Colby, Cerinth, co. B, 6th.
Wm. Johnson, Derby, co. B, 3d.
Byron Jefts, Chester, co. E, 8th.
H. M. Rodgers, co. H, 1st cavalry.
William Cook, Danby, co. E, 2d S. S.
PATTERSON PARK.

Martin Maloney, Fairfield, co. K, 6th. Edgar A. Adams, Barnard, co. E, 4th. Cories P. Barrett, Windham, co. C, 4th. Lewis B. Paquett, Walden, co. H, 4th. Chas. G. Sheidon, Manchester, co. E, 5th. CAMPEN STREET. Aionzo Hart, Waterbury, co. D, 2d.
Alanson Hyde, Columbia, N. H., co. I, 3d.
Amos C, Ellsworth, Jay, co. B, 3d.
Ammon S. McGee, Westfield, co. D, 5th.

Joseph Sears, Swanton, co. A, 5th. Ural Reynolds, co. H, 9th. ANNAPOLIS. A. G. Call, co. D. 1st. Henry L. Ballard. Georgia, co. H. 2d. John Clough, Wulliamst wn, co. B, 24.

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Chas. C. Dodge, Troy, co. F, 3d.

Louis John, co. H, 2d.

Marquis D. Laport, Brataco, co. F, 2d.

Samuel A. Shattock, Londonderry, co. I, 2d. Andrew Perry, eq. B, 2d. Joseph Kehoe, Charlotte, eq. G, 2d. Julius Duplese, St. Johnsbury, co. I, 3d. Avron R. Wheeler, Guildhall, co. I, 3d. Martin Day, Glover, co. G, 4th. Louis Murc, Colchester, co. I, 5th. Edward Wheeler, Stock cridge, co. G, 5th. Job L. Chatsey, co. E. 5th. Wm. Bukley, Hincsburg, co. F, 5th. R. H. Collins, co. B, 6th. R. H. Collins, co. B, 6th. Levi B. Goddard, Stockbridge, co. C, 6th. Orrin A. Kimball, Hanover, N. H., co. B, 6th. Harrison Way, Wheelock, co. E, 6th Harrison Way, Wheelock, co. E, oth Franklin W. Steav, Mt. Holly, co. C, 6th. Homer Stanley, Johnson, co. I, 6th. Silas Bill, Woodbury, co. I, 9th. Loren Cutts, Newport, co. E, 9th. Azro Diggings, Andover, co. D, 9th. Freeman A. Caswell, Sutton, co. E, 9th.

Ceylon P. Sw.th, Cavendish, co.U. 4th. LIST OF SOLDIERS FROM VERMONT AT rived at Citizens Volunteer Hospital at : hilatelphia, Dec. 15 to 25, 1862; William Badger, Irasburg, co. E, 1st cavalry, diarrhea Eimer W. Boutwell, Williamstown, co. B. 5th. William Evans, Windsor, co. K. 4th.
Loruzo I. Marks, Shelburne, co. G. 2d. gun-shot w'd Woodward Whoeleda, co. A. 15th, diarrhes. George F. l'avlor, Danby, B, 9th A. S. Butler, B, 5th, typhoid fever. E. G. Sturdevant, G. 14th, "Ovethe Chapin, New Haven, G, 14th, hercoptism. George B. Hobbins, W. v. ridge, E. 14t., Jason Priest, Obventry, D. 6th, diarrhea. Francis Scioni, Sheldon, K. 6th. Johiel Severy, Salisbury, I. 2d,

Charles Wyman, Man hister, E. 5th, debuty,
Wallace B. Barton, Northfield, F. 12th hiemaphyNorman W. Erving, Rockingham, 1, 12 n. archytosCorp. T. J. Form (1), G. 1. to, debiity. W. t. Pratt, K. 12th, fiver. F. W. Shedd, F. 15th, fever. Cyrus M. Morra, Verbire, A. 15th, fever. Wm. Graffin, Charlestown, H. 15th,

G. W. Badget, H., 16th, fever. Corp. Linus P. Waterman, Furlee, H., 12th hoeme ptysis.
A. Badger, H, 16, debutt. Andrew J. Miller, R. egate, F. 15th. George Walle, Walden, B. 15th, ir bility. Gardner L. Gates, Rutland, G. 5th broken town.

John Rowe, Putney, F. sth. rft umatem. Charles F. Haywood, Springfield, E. 6th. dentity. Albert C. Abbott, Bradford, B. 6th membrets.
Norman V. Elitharp, Bridport, D. 14th, a builty.
Amos B. Boynton, Manuaester, K. 14th, diarrh a.
William C. Jacobs, Stark-bore, I. 14th, diarrh a.
William C. Jacobs, Stark-bore, I. 14th, a
Corp. Wm. S. Pratt, Shrews urv. 5t. 1 th,
Morton t. I es, K. 14th, diarrhes.
Norman B. Douglass, Shore am, D. 14th, fever.
Wm. Harne, Dorset, C. 14th, debilty.
Charles H. Pond, Manchester, d. 14th, debilty.
Eleazer F. Granger, Woodfort, A., 14th,
George Charl, tha lotts, I. 14th, diarrhea.
Henry Cartie, Rupert, K. 14th, pagemonia.
Milo Johnson, J., Stamford, K. 14th, rheematism.

Henry Cartie, Rupert, K. 14th, processona.
Milo Johnson, J., Stamford, K. 14th, rheamatism.
Walter G. Sawyer, Shr webury, b. 14th back.
Elias Smith, Clarendon, B. 14, rheumatism.
Warren E. Hewlett, Pawlet, B. 14th,
Bradford Edgerton, Dorsel, B. 14th,
"Bradford Edgerton, Dorsel, B. 14th, Fayette Doty, Bennington, A, 14th, bronchitis. John Mohan, Mt. Ho ly, B, 14th, debitity. George H. Fox. Castleton, F, 4th, Caleb D. Fisk, Danby, B, 14th. Solom vandebey, Bristel, G. 14th, rhoumatism Humon H. dallow, Esex, F. 13th, bronchitis. P. C. Willer, O. 13cn, pronchitis. Isaac K. Iravis, Montpeller, I. 18th, diarrhea Levi Nelson, Fayston, B, 13th, fever. John McCleary, A, 15th, fever.

EDITOR HERALD:-To my astonishment have just noticed in the Vermont Chronicle reflection cast upon our worthy Chaplain. cannot conceive or a mind so base in the regi ment as to be guilty of the vile slander. On need but to have seen the glad welcome he re ceived on his return from a short visit to hi home, to be assured of the esteem in which he is held by the regiment. There is not an officer but can testify to his efficiency to fill the position he occupies; more especially in giv ing his personal attention to the sick in the hospital, visiting them daily; and when death has conquered some of our brave boys and we have been obliged to consign them to graves far from kindred, in seeing that everthing is done to relieve the hearts of their stricken friends at home. Truly Yours.

CAPT. Co. I, 10TH VT. VOIS. Headquarters 10th Reg. Vt. Vols., Camp at White Ford, Md., Feb. 9, 1863.

A VISIT .- A party of invited guests assembled at the house of P. W. Hyde, Esq. Hydeville, on Thursday evening, the 12th inst., notwithstanding the snow storm. It was a very pleasant "sociable," with a collation perfectly characteristic of host and hostess. A mysterious note of invitation had made the Rector of St. James Church, in that place one of the party. It was agreeable to him to find most of the company acquaintances, and

But after supper suspicions were aroused by the discovery of a box of letters, quite numer ous, with several parcels, all addressed to the Rector. And, considering the state of the country, it was judged advisable that a Committee should examine and report whether there was anything contraband in them or not. The Committee reported through the host that the letters, &c., with their contents, \$85, cording to her actual military strength; and mostly money, were really designed for said this I suppose she has done. Vermont is a clergyman, as a token of appreciation of his emigration; and emigration consists mainly of the service. The surprise was sufficiently great; to take for that." dered under the difficulty of non-residence, and peculiar embarrassments of a physical and do-

The Rector can only make his very grateful acknow edgements to all, and very particular y to the host and his lady.

E. Poultney, Feb. 13th, 1863. AN ESCAPE-ALMOST, -Lieut, Wm. Cum nings, (of Danville) of the 1st Vermont (av alry, is now a prisoner in the Libby Prison, at Richmond. We learn that he was detained a prisoner by the mere accidental discovery of his being an officer. He was captured with several privates, and was so dressed as not to be recognized as an officer; and he was about to be paroled and set at liberty with the rest of the prisoners, when, as ill luck would have it, one of his comrades from another regiment, not suspecting a parole list was being made out, came up and respectfully addressed him by h s title of Lieutenaut. This was enough. He was no longer a paroled private—but an officer to be sent to Richmond,—North

ACCIDENTS .- We lean that on Thursday the 5th inst., the widow Hoburn, of this Village fell down stairs at Mr. C. W. Conant's, and received serious, if not fatal injuries .- Bran-

Charles Fletcher, son of Geo. L. Fletcher. Esq., of Chester, met with an accident on Thursday the 5th inst., falling from a scaffold in a barn, and breaking his arm just be-low the elbow, both bones being broken.

SHEEP DROWNED.—Forty sheep, belong ing to Hiram F. Button, Esq., of Classidon, were drowned on Saturday night, Feb. 7, by the overflowing of Mill River. CONCERT.—See advertisement of Duprez

and Grien's Minetrels.

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was furnished us, which we published, stating that some deserters from Co. B, 9th Vermont regiment, who enlisted from Poultney, were arrested in that town on Tueday (last week) and were then in charge of the constable, on their way to Brattleboro. We were not in-formed of the names of the arrested parties, and no names were mentioned. We are now in receipt of a letter from a lady of Poultney, saying that her son, Lester C. Monroe, is one of the parties referred to; that he was not a deserter, but procured leave to come home, with the understanding that he would return in three or four weeks; that he arrived home sick, from over work and exposure, and for weeks was unable to move from his bed, and for some time was not expected to live; he had been at home on the 6th of this month for four months, unable to do any labor of any amount; that he wrote several times to his regiment stating his condition; that he was anxious to recover and rejoin his regiment : that the family physician, Dr. J. Perkins, wrote to Dr. Thayer, of Burlington, stating his condition, and that Dr. Thayer wrote back that he should stay at home until he recovered his health, and then report in person to his regiment. Our correspondent further states that her son enlisted without the inducement of a bounty, but solely to serve his country

sons, all she has, are in the army, We did not know, as we have said, names of the parties referred to in the item published, but gave it as it was, upon what seemed reliable authority. We now gladly give our correspondent the opportunity to make public her statements as above.

that he had been advised to get a discharge,

but did not want one, his only desire being to

recover his health and join his regiment, which

he had been unable to do; and that her three

AN UNCOMMON VISIT-On Saturday, Feb. 7th, a party of twenty-two aged people met a the house of Mr. Ira Tucker, in Bristol agreeably to invitations previously given by Mrs. Tucker, (formerly Mrs. Van Patten o Middlebury.) Such a company has seldom been seen since the days of the patriarchs .-The youngest of the guests was sixty-six, and the oldest ninety-five. The average age of the company was seventy-seven, reckoning the anniversaries of their birth days in the present year; and their united ages were seventeen hundred years. Nine of them were men, and thirteen women; six of the men and one of the women being eighty years old and over; and all but three over seventy.

The oldest person present was Mr. Amos Eastman, father of the Rev. Mr. Eastman of Vergennes, for the celebration of whose birth day, t e visit was appointed on Saturday, as he was to enter his ninety-sixth year on Sunday, February 8, and who is now enjoying remarkable health and vigor for his years. The next in age was Mr. Clifford of Hanover, N. H., who was in town at the time, and who is eighty-seven the present month. The otherse whos ages are mentioned for the year 1863, were Mr. Th. mas Hill, 84; Solomon Drake, 83 July 4; John Barnum, 82; and Mrs. Barnum, 79, (of Monkton;) Miss Chipman, formerly of Chipman's Point, 81; John Brooks, 80; and Mrs. Brooks, 76; Mrs. Needham, 77; Mrs. Parmelee, 76; Mrs. Fitch, 76; Mrs. Sax ton. 76; Levi Hazeltine, senior, 75; and Mrs Hazeltine, 75; Davis Fucker, 72; and Mrs. Tucker, 74; Mrs. Durfee, 72; Frederick Bird, 72; an Mrs. Bird, 67; Mrs. Matthewson, 68; (of Monkton); Mrs. Arnold, 66.

Everything, says a correspordent of the Burlington Times, had been prepared for their comfort which the excellent lady of the house could imagine would make their visit agreeable. Rocking and arm chairs were provided snuff-boxes -relics of olden times -apples and ciler went the round, for such as relished them. But the tables, especially, when the party was called to supper, were richly loa 'ed with all that could be des red. When the blassing had been asked by the venerable patr. och, father Eastman, the company proceed ed to their repast. Quite a number of the cit izens called in to take a hok at the singular company, the like of which they may not soon

On returning to the parlor, a marriage song was song by Mr. Barnum, one of the aged gentlemen above named, and after a few remarks and prayer by the pastor of the M. E. Church, who was pre ent, the sleighs were at the door, and the company retired to their homes, fully satisfied that they would not all meet again on this side of the river which "divi les the heavenly land from ours."

FROZEN. - Wnile Albert Prior, son of Franklin Prior, Inkeeper at Tyson Furnace. was drawing wood in the bitter cold of Wednesday the 4th inst., he was badly frozen. It is thought he will lose some if not all, of his toes, and fears are even entertained that his feet may have to be amputated. Other portions of his body were also more or less

OLD SKATER .- The Me senger says that on the first day of January last, Mr. Elias Truax, Sen, ageu ninety-one years skated across Franklin Pond, a mile and a quarter, and back, and did it as handsomely as a boy of fifteen. It must have been a sight worth

ELEGANT.—In extracts from the business correspondence of the Bellows Falls Argus (now Argus and Patriot, of Montpelier, ) we find the following very elegant senten es which are indicative of the thought and moral tone of the Democratic readers of that delectable

"Our abolition P. M. who thinks so much of that colored cuss from Africa." "Enclosed please find twenty-five cents, or what we, for the sake of the d-d nigger, have

cent deaths in the 16th Vt. regiment, are reported : Fay, from Royalton, of Co. A. F. W. Demary, Co. C. C. W. Burnham, Co. B, and G. W. Harrington, to. G. have died at the Brigade Hospital. C. A. Russell, C. A. H. Newell, Co. F. and Charles H. Rice, of Co. F. have died at our Regimental Hospital.

HOSPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS .- The ladies of Clarende a have just sent for the "Rutland Co. Ward," in the hospital at Brattleboro, twentyone doll rs (\$21) to procure 3 bedsteads, 3 mattrasses, and 3 coverlets. Also, a box containing 4 comforters, 2 coverlets, 1 blanket, 7 pairs of sheets, 11 pairs of pillow cases, pillows, 3 dressing gowns, 6 shirts, 6 pair of drawers, 16 towels, 10 pocket handkerchiefs, o neck ties, 4 caps, 14 pairs of socks, 3 pairs of slippers, 30 forks, 17 teaspoons, 32 pounds dried fruit, 4 bound volumes, and a variety of

DONATION PARTY AT BRISTOL .- On Tues day evening of last week there was a donation party at the Bristol House. Bristol, given by the Methodist Society, for the benefit of their pastor, Rev. W. W. Atwater. The gathering was large and Mr. Atwater received \$150 .-His address on the occasion is said to have been very happy.

LARCENY.—John W. McDuffie, Samuel Spafford and Orlando A. Cheney were brought before Hon. E. D. Briggs at Rochester, on the of Rochester, and about the rty bushels of oats from the barn of Reuben Whitcomb, of Stockbridge, on the night of the 6th of February inst. McDuffie and Spafford were bound over in the sum of \$500 each, and Chency in the sum of \$190.

LICENSED TO PREACH.—Samuel L. Bate of Northfield, Roswell Harris, Jr., of West Brattleboro, Wm. S. Hazen, of Norwich, and M. L. Severance, of Middlebury, of the senior class in Andover Theological Seminary, have been licensed to preach the Gospel.

PERSONAL .- George I. Hagar, of Burlin on, has been promoted to be Sergeant-Major

the 12th regiment. Lieut. C. W. Carr, of the 4th Vermont, ar rived at his home in Brandon, on Wednesday last. He is off on a brief furlough of fifteen days, which is the first accepted by him since he left for the war, nearly a year and a half

Col. L. A. Grant is at home on a short visit among his friends.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER .- Rev. Eli Balou, of Montpelier, has been nominated for ounty Commissioner in Washington County. FESTIVAL .- The Ladies of the Universalist Society in Shrewsbury, will hold a Social Fes-

tival at L. Dawley's Hall, Cuttingsville, on Thursday evening, February 26. THE SOLDIERS' AID SOCIETIES in th own of Pittsford have sent the following arti cles in response to the circular of Dr. Phelps calling for hospital supplies, viz: three bed-quilts, seven comforters, thirteen pillows (hair and feather), two ticking bed sacks, ten sheets,

twenty-three pillow cases, fourteen towels, three ressing gowns, fifteen shirts, five pairs seeks, twenty handkerchiefs, four pairs drawers, two pairs slippers, one pair mittens, three pairs pants, one thin coat, seventy lbs, dried apples hree packages dried currants, two bundles lint bandages and old linen, and sixty-five phials. They will send money for the purchase of two iron bedsteads, and for "Excelsior" to fill the bedsacks.

The above are intended for the Rutland County Ward in the U. S. Military Hospital t Bratcleboro.

EDITOR HERALD :- Lieut. D. D. Wheeler, ormerly of the 4th Vermont Volunteers, now A. D. C. to Gen. Brooks, returned home or Saturday last, on a leave of absence. Last evening a large number of the Lieutenant's riends assembled and gave him a rousing serenade. The company were requested to repair to the hotel, where the table was soon la-den with the good things for the inner man. Hon. J. Y. Deane, made one of his excellent, patriotic speeches, after which Lieut.

Wheeler made a very appropriate speech, thanking his friends for the respect they had shown him, assuring them that his aim should ver be to serve them and his country faith fully. Lieut Whe ler is a young man of marked bility, and will never shirnk from his luty. He miorms us that the Vermont boys re in good health and excellent spirits; never better since they went into the service. He returns to the army on Friday hext. ( avendish, Vt., Feb. 11, 1863

OCK PAPER. - The January number of the Vt. School Journal contains the following among its notices of books, periodicals, &c for which we have omitted hitherto to thank its editor:

"The Rutland Daily Herald is one of the new Institutions built up by the war, and it is worthy of its enterprising editor and publish Who now looks to the fity for a Paily Pape, ? The Rutland Herald reaches us sarer than any of them. If it has less of trash. contains all the war news and much that local and of special interest to Vermonters. I'ne Weekly Herald is also one of the best its kind. Take the Rutland Herald," BRIGADIER OF THE 1st VT. BRIGADE .-

The Bennington Banner says: Capt. Avers of the regular army has been even the comm and of the First VI. Briga e. he field officers of the brigade asked that this position be given to the gallant Captain, he having been in command of a battery connected with the brigade, from its organization ill his appointment as Chief of Artillery of reneral Smith's corps, and subsequently, of Frank in's Grand Division, during which time the brigade and Captain Ayres have been together on near a score of battle fields. Gen. Avers knows his men, and the men know their commander as soldiers learn to know each other in the faithful performance of their duties. Gan. A. was in the Mexican war, and at the first Bull Run commanded his battery galiantly, earning high encomiums, and bringing from the field his guns and horses-a result accomplished by no other battery commander on that field of disaster. At Antietam. during the battle, Gen. McClellan asked, "Capt. Ayers, can your batteries cross Antietam Creek?" My batteries, Sir, can go wherever they are needed," replied the Capt., and his guns were quickly on the enemy's side of the Creek. We have no doubt the General will be able at any time to say of his brigade

as he said of his batteries. CHAMPLAIN VALLEY AGRICULTORAL SO CIETY.-At the annual meeting of this Society, holden at the City Hall Vergennes, on Saturday, February 7th, 1863, the following persons were elected officers for the ensuing

President Elias Bottum, New Haven Vice Presidents-James Squire, of Charotte; J. G. Weher, of Hinesburgh. Treasurer -- Byron Murray, Vergennes. Secretary C. M. Fisher, Vergennes,

Assistant Secretary-Charles W Bradbury, INJURED .- Dr. Monroe, of Whitehall, on Chursday aftern on had his knee-pan broken

by being thrown out of his entrer in the effort o hold his horse, and extrate himself from the robes. The horse was frightened by a boy with a sled.

FIRE IN BERLIN.—The dwelling house of Emerson Hill, in Berlin, was burned on Sunday, the 15th, together with most of its con-FIRE.-The large gristmill at North Granville, N. Y., owned and occupied by Mr. H W. Palmer, was completely destroyed by fire on the night of the 30th alt. It took fee in the upper story from the pipe. The mill and con-tents, we are informed, are a total loss,

CHARTER OFFICERS ELECTED IN WHITE-HALL, N. Y.—A. Hall Juson Parke, Trus-tees; J. Long, Clerk, Seo. Goodale, Geo. Breit, Wm. Allen, Assessas; H. W. Buel, 'ollector; W. F. Smith, Treasurer; and O. Thomas, Harbor Master. \$2000 was ordered to be raised to apply on Village debt, and \$800 appropriated to pay contingent expenses

ANECDOTE OF BUCKER.-A Washington correspondent of the Springfield Republican relates the following stor of General Butler: "I will not go back to New Orleans," says the General, "unless I so have more troops. English, who common files can understand Wiry can't you give me more The "We have't, or we'll have to say of you, what Agrap a them to give." replies Mr. Lancoln. "Then said of Paul, much learning bath made these why don't you raise more—put the draft upon Mew York!—raise that forty thousand who should have been raised in that State last what was piped or harped? I'll bet some fall!" "Mr. Seymour savs it will not do to draft in New York," asswers Lincoln. "Then

for the ensuing year.

Cassius M. CLAY, it is reported, has finally determined to abandon his Major-General's commission and return to Russia. He will probably start in a short time, and will at once relieve Bayard Taylor, who has been acting Minister since Mr. Cameron's departure.

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From Washingto EDITOR HERALD:—Great anxiety is manifested to know the result of the blow expected to be struck soon by our army in the vicinity of Fortress Monroe. The intelligence of the transfer of the ninth corps of the Army of the Potomac, consisting of thirty-five thousand troops, to that locality has already reached you. The great secrecy with which the transfer of so many troops was made, is the subject of much praise. In this respect it has been the most successful thing of the war, and certainly speaks well for General Hooker.

The history of legislation in this country cannot furnish a parallel with the past week, in interest or national importance. There will probably never again be discussed in the Halia of Congress so many questions of such magnitude and importance, in as brief a period of time. The bill authorizing the raising of regi-ments of blacks;—for the construction of a great national ship canal uniting the Hudson and Mississippi rivers; -providing for a national currency, and to aid the State of Missouri to emancipate her slaves, are the most important. The first passed the House; the second was defeated in the House, but will probably be resurrected by the Senate; the third passed the Senate to-day, by a close vote, and will probably pass the House; and the last is now under consideration, and enjoys a good prospect of success. In the Senate today, Saulsbury had the audacity to make a speech, notwithstanding his disgraceful behavior so recently There is evidently a good deal of brass in his composition.

There is much rojoicing among Union men, at the late order of Major General Hurlbut, commanding at Memphis, forbidding the circulation of the traitorous Chicago Times in that military district. General Hurlbut is true soldier and patriot, and occupies a proud position in the great Western army. Although born and educated in Charleston, S. C., he is one of the most bitter enemies of the rebellion and of its cause and support-slavery. Pitts-burg Landing and the Hatchie will ever remain monuments to his honor.

THE PRIZE CASES. Most people are not aware that the Supreme Court is at this time hearing arguments in a number of very important prize cases, involving not only large sums of money, but ques-tions of the greatest importance. Some of the most eminent lawyers of this country are engaged in arguing these cases.

One of the most affecting and heart rending scenes imaginable, is the farewell of an old government employee to official position. I witnessed one of these a few days since. An individual who had long receieved a large salary for notoriously small services, had just been notified that the government, no longer required his services in an official capacity.-The Potter Committee had cruelly aired his dis loyalty months ago, and that had greatly offended bim ; but this this was the "unkindest cut of all." In the true spirit of injured innocence, he now appeared before his former superior for the purpose of formally and solemnly announcing his retirement from the public service. The closing sentences of that noble farewell are all that I shall give. Would describe it further if I were not fearful that what I might write would be blotted out by falling tears. Said he: " I retire in the belief that I have done my duty :- that I have left nothing undone that I ought to have done, nor done anything that I ought to have left undone. It has oeen my highest ambition to taithfully discharge my duties, and I have never engaged in politics, one way or the other. I shall bring is my bill for contingent expenses tomorrow." How truthful the first sentences. and how sublime the last one

I am gratified in being able to state that Hon, E. P. Walton has rapidly improved in health for the past week or two, and that he has for several days been in his seat in the House, Hon. F. E. Woodbridge of Vergennes, has been here recently, and Hon. John Page of Rutland, Hon. Joseph Warner and Rev. B. Labarce, D. D. of Middlebury, and . J. Crane, Esq., of Huntington, are in town. The United States Sanitary Commission are doing a noble work. Their headquarters are n this city, and too much praise cannot be awarded them for their untiring efforts in behalf of suffering and needy soldiers. They have recently established an agency for procuring pensions free of charge, for discharged invalid soldiers, and have appointed Wm. P Bascom, Esq., of Middlebury, as Director .-Mr. Bascom is well qualified for this po-ition. and has already started upon the discharge of his duties. The position of the Vermont troops remains the same as for the pa-t two weeks, he Vermont Cavalry are near Dranesville, in excellent condition. Some restless party recently again attempted to stir up disaffect on against Col. Sawver, with the military authorities, whereupon the officers of the regiment met and denounced the project by the passage of resolutions. One H. D. Smith, belonging to the regiment, has, I learn, been scribbling for the newspapers against the Colonel, and has "come to grief thereby."-The Colonel and the cavalry are in "good condition," and "long may they wave."

The Vermont delegation in Congress are understood to be opposed to Secretary Chase's bank project.

THE VIGILANCE COMMITTEE ALARMED ABOUT PHONOGRAPHY .-- Rev. J. H. Aughey. a refugee from Mississippi, gives an amusing account of his examination by a vigilance committee, of whom the chairman was Parson Locke, a Methodist brother. The parson bagan his examination of his brother parson as to his "sound-ess on the go se" as follows: "Parson Aughey, you have been reported

to us as holding abolition sentiments, and as being disloyal to the confederate states "
"Who reported me, and where are your wit-"Any one has a right to report, and it is

optional whether he confronts the accused or not. The proceedings of vigilance contmittees are somewhat informal." "Proceed, then, with your trial in your own

You are known to be an adept in Phonegraphy, and you are reported to be a correspondent of an a olition Phonographic journal." "I understand the science of Phonography, and I am correspondent of a Phonographic

journal, but the journal eschews politics." Another member of the committee then in by means of a philosophic alphabet, compassed of the simplest geometrical signs, in which one

mark is used to represent one and invariably the same sound." "Kin you talk punnyography I and where loss them tolks live what talk- it ?" Yes sir, I converse duently in phenogra-phs, and these who speak the language live in Columns.

" In the District ?" " No sir, in the poetical Columbia."

I was next interrogated by another member " Parson Aughey, is phonography an abolition fixin ?"

"No. sir; phonography, abstractly considered has no political complexion; it may be used to promote either side of any question, sacred or profane, mental, meral, physical of pelitical.

"Well, you ought to talk and write plain Yankee invented it to spread his abolition un-tions underhandedly. I, for one, would be for makin' the parson promise to talk and draft in New York," answers Lincoln. Then I would draft Seymou !" asserts Butler. I for makin' the parson promise to talk and will not youch for the muth of this story, says the correspondent, but I have heard it from lips that rarely tell anything that is not true. I'm agin the odd fellers, free masons, sous of I'm agin the odd fellers, free masons, sous of I'm agin the odd fellers, and phonography.